

Small Group Discussion Questions

Edgefield County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- Educational Summit
- Advisory Councils
- SACS Self Study
- School improvement councils
- PTAs
- Churches sponsoring after-school tutorial program
- Long-range, strategic planning
- School districts reaching out to include the community
- Growing Adult Education Program

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Parental involvement
- Qualified teachers
- Socio-Economics
- Community Involvement
- Communication
- Students not involved in faith based programs
- Personal agendas
- Lack of pre-school experiences
- Not reaching many parents
- School has become the 'gatekeeper' for responsibilities of children (medical, dental, etc.)
- Blame game
- Socio-Economic issues

List the 5 most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Get involved
- Listen to schools
- Educate citizens (adults)
- Follow Thru
- Don't disappoint students
- Read statistics about what works
- Visit or schools
- Get on the same bus
- Become proactive
- Coordinate school/community activities so people aren't torn between so many activities
- Mentors-businesses work out release time
- Establish reading centers thru faith based organizations
- Tutorial programs in churches and schools
- Apathy-Adults who are not literate
- Increase teacher pay
- Improve community/school relations

List the 5 most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Commit